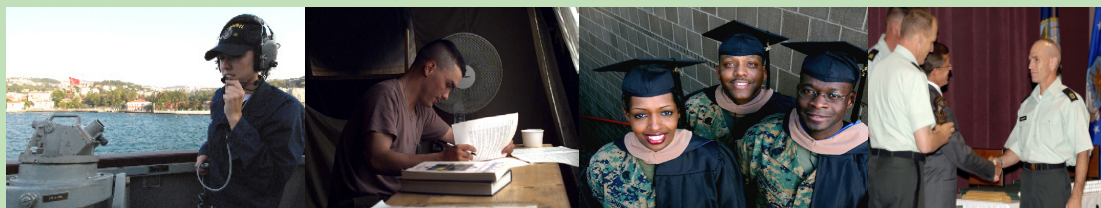


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Worldwide Education Support to the Department of Defense

DANTES Test Control Officer (TCO) Portal starts February 2010

The on-line TCO Portal will replace the Exams Management Information System (EMIS) and the DANTES Automated Test Inventory Program (DATIP) currently used by TCOs.

From the DANTES home page, <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>, go to **Academic Examination Programs**. From the drop down menu, select **Education Staff Information**, then **TCO Portal**. Select “forgot password”, enter your e-mail address and select “submit”. A temporary password will be sent to you. You will then be able to establish your personal password. Once the TCO Portal is deployed after Feb. 8, DANTES TCOs will be able to establish a user name and password for their examiners.

The DANTES TCO Portal will provide secure access to the following Exams Program applications/systems and forms:

Manage Your Profile:

use to update your TCO/ATCO/ITCO information or change your password.

Manage Documents:

- ◆ DEPH
- ◆ CLEP Official Study Guide
- ◆ GED Program Manual
- ◆ ECE TCO Manual
- ◆ Exam Program Forms
- ◆ Ordering Forms

Manage Test Center: use to update staffing information, TCO turnovers, provide Status Update and change addresses.

Inquiry: allows designated users to search and view DANTES Test Center information (testing personnel names, e-mail addresses and test center addresses) and Candidate Exam history (Credit by Exam (CBE) test history for examinees).

Reports: provides access to Test Volume/Pass Rate and Participants Reports and includes paper-

DANTES-funded testing activity.

New requirements for TCOs, ATCOs, and ITCOs with the TCO Portal

The updated **DANTES Test Inventory Report (DANTES 1560/12)** replaces the DANTES Automated Test Inventory Program (DATIP) (AFAEMS is still used for Air Force).

based testing and computer-based administrations for DANTES Test Sites with base-sponsored National Test Centers operating under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Also provides Service Headquarters, Major Commands and DANTES Test Sites statistical reports relating to their respective

DANTES stocking Test Site TCOs, ATCOs or ITCOs are required to download this fill-in enabled version of the form, use it to document physical inventories of exams on hand and submit quarterly inventory reports to the appropriate testing agencies (Prometric, ACT and ECE) via scanning/e-mail or Fax.

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New DSST Exam: Business Ethics and Society

Prometric has announced the release and availability of the new Business Ethics and Society exam. Consistent with other DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) exams, the new Business Ethics and Society exam is made up of 100 multiple choice questions and students have up to two hours to complete the exam. The exam is delivered in electronic or traditional paper and pencil formats. The American Council on Education (ACE) has evaluated and recommended the new exam to be equivalent to a 3-credit course in the upper baccalaureate division. A comprehensive Exam Fact Sheet is also available on the DSST exam Web site at <http://www.getcollegecredit.com>.

Business Ethics & Society exam additional data:

- ◆ Number of questions: 100
- ◆ Exam length: up to 2 hours
- ◆ ACE recommendation: 3-credit course, baccalaureate upper division (BU)
- ◆ Criterion-referenced cut/passing score: 400
- ◆ Calculated B-Grade Equivalent: 433
- ◆ Test form number: SI/SO 475



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eBooks

ONLINE, FREE and NOW LINKED FROM DANTES WEB SITE

Merriam Webster's Dictionary Definition:

Function: noun

: a book composed in or converted to digital format for display on a computer screen or handheld device. Or simple definition is "electronic book".

Spelling can be eBook, e-book, or ebook, all are acceptable forms of this word.

Link to these TWO new eBooks via DANTES web site (see URL below).

Scholarship Search Secrets

A Student's Guide to Online Education



To Review a complete listing

of all DANTES Reference Publications GO TO:

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/distribution/refs.htm

DEPH Part III – "Credentialing" is online

The DANTES Education Program Handbook (DEPH), Part III Credentialing Examinations, recently went live online at the following URL:

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/certification/deph/pt3/index.htm.

We reformatted the information on each association to reduce the number of pages, therefore providing a more expedient way for Test Control Officers (TCOs) to retrieve the information.

Currently, DANTES possesses 83 Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs) with national and international credentialing associations. These associations offer examinations to military members at DANTES Test Sites, base-sponsored National Test Centers or other recognized testing locations.

We encourage you to take a tour of the revised credentialing area on the DANTES Web site. If you need additional information, send inquiries to us at certprog@navy.mil, or call us at (850) 452-1111 ext. 3194/3213 or DSN 922-1111 ext. 3194/3213.

Education Technology (Ed-Tech) stories to watch for in 2010

On Jan. 5, 2010, an online newsletter, *eSchoolNews* (<http://www.eschoolnews.org/>), identified five Education Technology (Ed-Tech) stories to look for in 2010. These are topics that could have a significant effect on school technology in 2010 and beyond.

1) What will the new National Education Technology Plan and National Broadband Plan look like?

In an *eSchool News* interview with Karen Cator, U.S. Department of Education's Director of Education Technology, she said that the administration's Ed-Tech plan is that every willing student receives at least one year of post-secondary education and that the United States will lead the world in percentage of college graduates by 2020. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is also expected to submit a National Broadband Plan to Congress which will impact school technology.

2) How will schools deal with a lingering financial crisis that isn't expected to end anytime soon?

Staff writers at *eSchool News* quoted Richard Sims, Chief Economist for the National Education Association, as saying that at best, current conditions will create the way for improvement—but it will be a “long stretch” of improvement until the economy has recovered fully.

3) Will the digital textbook revolution succeed? And, how will new developments in the digital book market affect teaching and learning?

This was the top Ed-Tech story in 2009 as both California and Texas are moving toward purchasing digital textbooks for all students. It is still a hot topic in 2010 as it remains to be seen if projected cost-savings and student acceptance will occur. A related issue is the future of electronic publishing. While more schools are embracing the use of digital resources, not all books are available in an electronic format. The fate of Google's plans to create a huge digital library is awaiting a federal judge's approval in 2010 amid concerns that it could lead to reduced competition in the digital-book market. This book project includes scanning millions of out-of-print books, a bonanza for researchers.

4) How will the continuing evolution of mobile devices affect students' computing experience?

Netbooks and other mobile computers such as the Apple tablet; Google's Chrome to speed up boot-up time; untethered cellular phones; a mini-netbook from the One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) initiative; and even a “single sheet of plastic” computing device that cannot break—these are on the horizon.

5) Will Congress reauthorize the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) this year, and if so, what will the new law look like?

It has been eight years since the NCLB was enacted; reauthorization of the NCLB is three years overdue. Educators will be looking to see whether a new federal education law is passed and what effects there might be on school policies.

CLEPs save money and time!

USCGC Assateague's Lt. Cmdr. James Jarnac (CO), BM3 Erik Vollmer, FN Dakota Shepard and GM2 Travis Stroh pose with official score reports from Prometric. Combined, these successful CLEP test takers earned 33 credit hours. Not only does this translate into a potential cost savings of \$8,250 for the Coast Guard (33 credits X \$250.00 per credit hour), but GM2 Stroh, BM3 Vollmer and FN Sheppard saved valuable time accruing credits which they can apply toward degree programs.



Improve your math and verbal skills in just 20 minutes!

The Peterson's Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) is now available to all military members, their family members and all DoD civilian employees. Depending on the needs of the students, the OASC course can be administered in a classroom, as a self study course or a combination of both.

DANTES has seen impressive improvements in users' skills after completion of this course. For example, the average score increase from the Pre-Test to the Post-Test in combined verbal and math scores hover around 10 percent.

Here is what one military member said after taking the course:

"I thought it was great... it really helped me understand the concepts and formulas behind different Algebra problems, built my confidence in my skills, and helped me feel more comfortable with my overall experience with Math. Before this course, I had extreme math phobia and lots of fear. After taking this course, working the problems, and increasing my score, I felt 100 percent better about it."

Over 4,000 Service members have registered for these courses since October 2009.



The Pre-Test evaluates strengths and weaknesses in each subject area and then the system designs a customized lesson path for

each individual student. Within the lessons are interactive games, flashcards, practice sets and quizzes. This is a self-paced course completely online and a Post-Test measures the student's end of course performance.

The OASC is available on-line 24/7, with links available from various

Web sites, to include: DANTES and the Military OneSource Web sites, and the individual branch of service education web portals. Or, go directly to the OASC Web site at <http://www.petersons.com/dantes/>.

**** For Active Duty Army military members, contact your Army Education Center before registering for OASC.**

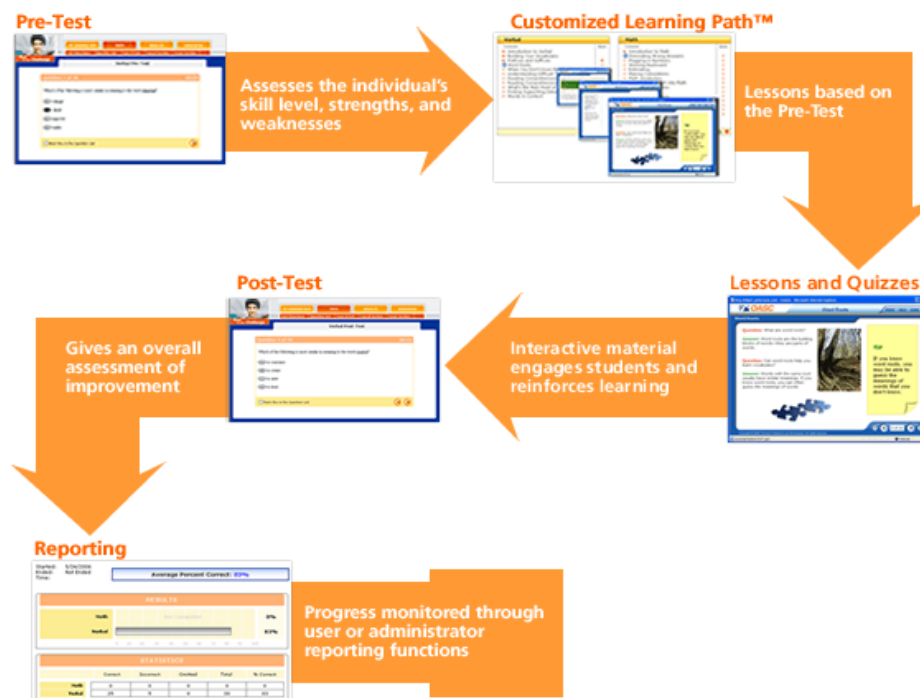
BUILD YOUR SKILLS ■ ACE YOUR EXAMS ■ ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

When students register for Peterson's OASC for Military Success, they are fully supported in their learning from the Pre-Test through their mastery of the material.

A Pre-Test will assess the learner's strengths and weaknesses in math and verbal skills and design a Customized Learning Path™ individualized to that student. The curriculum will improve the student's knowledge of the concepts and skills needed to excel in each area.

Each lesson is supported by interactive exercises such as drag-and-drop matching, video-game-style multiple choice, or dynamic flash cards. Quizzes and practice sets help learners gauge how well they are mastering the material.

COURSE FLOW



CDFM and Lean Six Sigma Exams funded through DANTES

The Certified Defense Finance Manager (CDFM) and Lean Six Sigma (both Black Belt and Green Belt) examinations are available at no cost to military members.

Available examinations are as follows:

CDFM: 125 examinations

Consists of 3 Modules Each:
Resource Mgt
Budget
Accounting

Lean Six Sigma: 52 examinations

Green Belt

Lean Six Sigma: 42 examinations

Black Belt

As with most high stakes credentialing examinations, the knowledge base level for each test-taker is high and only those truly knowledgeable of the industry standard material will prove successful in passing the examinations.

Have prospective military candidates contact us at certprog@navy.mil, or call (850) 452-1111 ext. 3213 or DSN 922-1111 ext. 3213 for instructions on how to complete the application and receive a voucher to take the exam. We provide vouchers to military members on a first come first serve basis.

Look for an instructional page soon to be available on the DANTES Web site under "Credentialing Examination Programs."

American College Testing Assessment Supervisor's Report Form change

Jan. 1, 2010, a procedure change was made for completing Block E of the American College Testing (ACT) Assessment Supervisor's Report Form. Currently, the section for the year does not allow the year 2010 to be gridded. ACT will no longer require the year to be gridded – just complete the month and day sections of Block E and write the year in the spaces provided (see example below).



ACT ASSESSMENT® SUPERVISOR'S REPORT FORM																								
USE WITH 4-PAGE UNIVERSAL ANSWER FOLDERS																								
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<p>C DIRECTIONS: Read the instructions below before you complete any blocks. Use a soft (No. 2) lead pencil. DO NOT use ball-point, nylon-tip, felt-tip, fountain pen, or colored pencil. Enter one letter or number per box. In the column below each box, fill in the correct oval or rectangle for blanks. Erase any errors completely. Note in Blocks B-F, the first oval listed in each column is "1" and the last oval is "0". Complete the packaging table and the statement at the bottom right corner of this form.</p> <p>D BLOCK A—TEST CENTER/SCHOOL NAME. Enter the name of your test center/school. Begin in the first box and leave one box empty between parts of the name. Enter only main parts; abbreviate if necessary.</p> <p>E BLOCK B—STATE CODE. Find your state code in the list to the left. Enter the correct 2-digit code. (For Canada, use "53." Outside the USA, APO, FPO, AA, AE, and AP, use "55.")</p> <p>F BLOCK C—TEST CENTER CODE. Enter your 5-digit test center code. Four-digit codes should be preceded by a zero (e.g., 1234 should be entered as 01234). DANTES centers use the following codes: 99894 Air Force, 99895 Army, 99896 Coast Guard, 99897 Marine Corps, 99898 Navy.</p> <p>G BLOCK D—NUMBER OF 4-PAGE ANSWER FOLDERS. Enter the number of 4-page answer folders to be scored. DO NOT include unused answer folders or this form in your count. If the number is less than 1000, enter the appropriate number of zeros (e.g., 0020).</p> <p>H BLOCK E—TEST DATE. Answer folders are to be returned immediately after testing. Enter the month, day, and last two digits of the year of the test date for the answer folders enclosed.</p> <p>I DANTES, PROJECT, OR IN-SCHOOL TESTING ONLY</p> <p>J BLOCK F—HIGH SCHOOL CODE. Enter your 6-digit high school code. In the column below each box, fill in the correct oval. Fill in one oval in each column. DANTES test centers enter your testing section's 4-digit ID number preceded by "98."</p> <p>I supervised the administration of the ACT Assessment® to examinees. I hereby certify that all examinees tested at this center were positively identified from photo-bearing documents, a counselor's letter of identification, or were personally recognized by a member of the testing staff. The ACT Assessment was administered according to the procedures and instructions in the current edition of the Supervisor's Manual of Instructions. All test materials are stored in a secure location.</p> <p>Answer folders, packaged as indicated in the table at the left, and report forms are being forwarded to ACT® without delay.</p> <p>Signed _____ Date _____ Test Center/ School Name _____ City _____ State or Country _____</p>																								

States to hold ACME meetings at CCME

State Advisory Councils on Military Education (ACMEs) will meet for updates and strategy sessions in Nashville, Tenn., on Monday, Feb. 15, in conjunction with the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) Symposium being held at the Nashville Renaissance Hotel and Nashville Convention Center, Feb. 15-18, 2010.

The ACMEs schedule for Monday, Feb. 15:

- 8 a.m. - California's ACME and a prospective ACME for Distance Learning
- 9 a.m. - Florida ACME
- 10 a.m. - Virginia ACME
- 1 p.m. - Illinois and South Carolina (COMESC)
- 2 p.m. - Texas and the South (COMETS)
- 3 p.m. - Georgia ACME (OMEGA)
- 4 p.m. - Washington and New York ACME
- 5 p.m. - Colorado ACME

The convention center room assignments will be available onsite. ACME-related inquiries, e-mail dantes_outreach@navy.mil or call (850) 452-1111 ext. 3126. For more information on CCME, visit <http://www.ccmeonline.org/>.

Happy New Year, counselors

Counselors, is one of your New Year's resolutions to administer more guidance assessments to military personnel? What a great way to ensure military personnel get off on the right track as you assist them with building a voluntary education degree plan.

Not sure which guidance assessment to use? The best advice is, utilize one or two online assessments for your education center, get to know the instruments thoroughly and then trust the results. They are all excellent, but each differs.

For help, or to receive free access to any one of the assessments listed below and experience the instruments firsthand, contact counseling@navy.mil.

Additionally, the DANTES Distribution Center can supply the supporting manuals and documents for most assessments provided by DANTES at http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/distribution/catindex.htm.

CISS® (Campbell™ Interest and Skill Survey)

CISS Homepage: <http://www.pearsonassessments.com/tests/ciss.htm>

CISS Materials: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/distribution/guide6.htm

Career Assessment Inventory™ (CAI)

CAI Homepage: http://www.pearsonassessments.com/tests/cai_e.htm

CAI Materials: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/distribution/guide2.htm

Strong Interest Inventory®, College Edition, and Skills Confidence Inventory

Strong Homepage: <http://www.cpp.com/products/strong/index.asp>

Strong Materials: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/distribution/guide5.htm

MBTI®

MBTI Homepage: <http://www.cpp.com/products/mbti/index.asp>

MBTI Materials: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/distribution/guide5b.htm

DISCOVER®

DISCOVER Homepage: <http://www.act.org/discover/>

Discover Guide: <http://www.act.org/discover/support/pdf/collegecurr.pdf>

Kuder® Journey

Kuder Homepage: <http://www.dantes.kuder.com/>

For more information, refer to the DANTES Guidance Materials Handbook at http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/distribution/DANTES_Guidance_Materials_Handbook.pdf.



February 2010

6 – LSAT (50 U.S. states, Canada, the Caribbean)
7 – LSAT (Asia, Australia and New Zealand)***
8 – LSAT (50 U.S. states, Canada, the Caribbean)**
19 – ECE Extended Response (Essay)

April 2010

11-17 – GRE Subject
16 – ECE Extended Response (Essay)
24-28 – Praxis*

May 2010

6, 11, 13 – ASE (CONUS)
11, 12, 13 – ASE (Overseas)
(ASE Registration Deadline: 24 Mar.)

June 2010

18 – ECE Extended Response (Essay)

Notes:

– Overseas test sites send orders six weeks before the test date.
CONUS test sites send orders four weeks before the test date.
Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Choose only one day to administer. Submit separate Prometric order forms for GRE Subject and Praxis

**Saturday Sabbath observers

*** This date **not** available in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Europe, Middle East and Africa

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/exams_calendar.pdf

Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Test Fees Increase

The National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) has increased their test fees beginning with the May 2010 testing cycle. The regular test fees will increase to \$28 per test. Advance tests L1 and L2 will increase to \$56 each.

Recertification tests fees are now \$28 per test (\$56 each for L1 and L2). However, \$74 is the maximum amount charged for recertification tests, regardless of how many a candidate needs to take. DANTES does not fund recertification tests or the advance tests. The deadline for ASE to receive orders from TCOs is 24 March, 2010.

The ASE testing cycle for the May administrations for DANTES is:
CONUS: May 6, 11, and 13, 2010
OCONUS: May 11, 12, and 13, 2010

Look for the ASE information on the DANTES Web site at

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/certification/ase.htm.

The registration fees and instructions are hyperlinked at the bottom of the ASE page. Direct inquiries to the

certprog@navy.mil e-mail address or call (850) 452-1111 ext. 3213 or ext. 3194.

DANTES Test Control Officer (TCO) Portal

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A separate DANTES Test Inventory Report 1560/GEDTS/12 is used to inventory GED test material.

A **Quarterly TCO validation of appointment** occurs after the DANTES Test Inventory Report is submitted. TCOs, ATCOs or ITCOs must log into the TCO Portal and report their DANTES 1560/12 Monthly/Quarterly inventory was submitted to the respective testing agencies for reconciliation. This action also provides a quarterly validation of TCO appointment. TCOs at non-stocking test sites must also access the TCO Portal and perform a quarterly validation of their TCO appointment.

Credit by Exam (CBE) test history examinee review is available to TCOs, ATCOs and ITCOs through the TCO Portal. DANTES currently authorizes a funded retest when an examinee fails to achieve the ACE-recommended score or the score required by a college or university. Before allowing administration of a CLEP, DSST or ECE exam and to ensure the 180 day waiting period has elapsed, DANTES test administrators must access this application to review testing history of examinees.

For questions, contact exams@navy.mil.

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